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CONTINENTAL CHOCOLATES

Busby offers help but warns: no picnic!

— From LESLIE VERNON in London —

Manchester United manager Matt Busby and coach Jack Crompton will be delighted to give lectures, demonstrations or any other form of help required while in Australia.

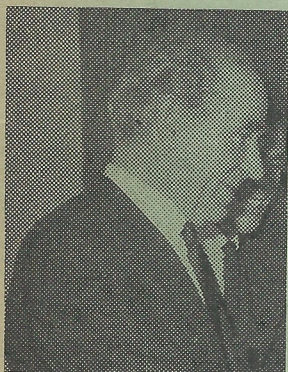
● Manchester keen

"This doesn't mean that we think soccer is weak in Australia, but the exchange of ideas between coaches working under different conditions is always helpful," the diplomatic Busby hastened to add.

I talked to Busby, on behalf of SOCCER WORLD, when they played in London recently.

I visited them in their Russell Square hotel in the morning before their match.

Most of the players were sitting in the lounge waiting for the bell to announce lunch.



Matt Busby

I was greeted by a slight, polite young man with glasses, who assured me that he was looking forward very much to his visit to Australia.

He had heard many exciting things about that part of the world and was hoping to meet some distant relatives there although he did not know their exact whereabouts.

It was hard to realise that I was talking to Nobby Stiles, the "tough guy," the "enfant terrible" of English football.

He is a truly nice boy off the field, but on it — a real fireball!

Georgie Best also butted in the conversation, saying with a big smile that he was going to Australia only to play football and nothing else!

Best is a men's wear boutique owner in Manchester, a typical "with-it" character adored and pursued by the young ladies of the town.

I wonder what sort of reception he will get from the girls in Australia?

Suddenly there was a slight hush in the room: the "boss," Matt Busby came in, asking me to join him at a table near the window overlooking the almost deserted City Square.

"I have never been to Australia," said Matt Busby.

"It will be a new, much anticipated experience for me and for the boys.

"As you know, Manchester United has never played over there.

"We are planning to take a party of around 24.

"Eighteen players, including all our internationals, plus the coaching staff, trainers etc.

"I intend to blood a few youngsters during the tour, it will be an excellent opportunity to give them a taste of first-team football.

"We are expecting some very tough opposition, especially in the matches against selected teams such as State elevens.

"We are, of course, hoping to go to Australia as champions of England.

"If we achieve our aim, next season we'll be playing once again in the European Champions' Cup, apart from our own English League and Cup competitions.

"Many people tell me that a long, strenuous tour such as the one we are undertaking, harms a team's performances in the following season.

"I do not subscribe to that view.

"The boys were asking me to arrange an interesting, fairly extended tour — it is now six years since we have done a really long journey in the close season and it will be a tonic for all of us.

"We will be back in England by June 28.

"The players will have three weeks holiday before they report back for training.

"That is sufficient. After a few weeks rest, they are all very keen to play some football again.

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Next week Section 3 starts.

● Turn to page 8 for progress votes in the Players Popularity Poll.

The ball is in the net. Prague's Blacker and Tracey (flat on his back) are prostrate and Croatia lead 1-0 after only 90 seconds. Prague, however, rallied to force a 2-2 draw at Marks Field last Sunday.

\$20 MILLION STADIUM? "I'LL BE A TRAPPIST MONK" — JIM BAYUTTI

— BY PAUL DEAN —

Commenting on a plan to build a \$20 million football stadium in Sydney, Jim Bayutti solemnly promised: "I'll become a Trappist monk in New Guinea if that happens".

Vernon Treatt, chairman of the Cricket Ground Trust, announced plans last week for the football stadium.

"They've been talking about a stadium for years but nothing has ever happened," said Bayutti.

"It's like the Eastern Suburbs Railway — another pipedream that keeps generations amused."

Jim Bayutti said he agreed with the editorial of last week's SOCCER WORLD suggesting that soccer acquire its own ground.

"We haven't completely dropped the Tempe project and I think we will seriously reconsider it," he said.

"I used to think that all football codes, perhaps under the aegis of a Football Council, should press for a new stadium together.

"Now I feel soccer has to try alone, even if we only have a ground and a fence around it to start with.

"We can add to it gradually until we do have a soccer stadium.

"But obviously it's no use waiting for others to move — they seem to have glue in their pants."

Bayutti, just back from a trip to Europe, said it was amazing that Australia still didn't see the need for

some supreme authority to organise sport at all levels.

"Even the conservative English now have a Minister for Sport and budget for sports facilities and development.

"In all Continental countries the governments realise they have a responsibility towards the physical education and fitness of their youth.

"The whole world can now see the fantastic value of sport.

"International meetings can create goodwill and bring peoples together.

"An Australian soccer team would gain infinitely more friends in any Asian country for Australia than ten visits by the Prime Minister.

"When we played in Cambodia in 1965, the Australian Ambassador agreed that our team's visit there was 'worth millions in goodwill'.

"And yet, the Government still doesn't want to acknowledge that organised sport exists and needs support.

"Until and unless they do, Australia remains the retarded, disorganised little brother in the big international family of sport."

● See "Battle for the Cricket Ground" on page 8.)

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SECTION 2.

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First prize in the PLAYERS CONTEST will be two economy class return air tickets to Singapore by ALITALIA AIRLINES. The player receiving the largest number of votes in each State throughout the period of the Contest will enter the Finals. At the end of the Contest a draw will be made to determine the eventual winner who may not be the player receiving the largest absolute number of votes.

Each week SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA will publish progress scores in the voting.

First prize in the READERS CONTEST will be one economy class return air ticket to Italy by ALITALIA AIRLINES.

The winner of this section will be the reader who accumulates the highest number of points throughout the various stages of the Contest.

For each section — the second appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

★ Closing date for Section No. 2: ("first four" in various States) Saturday, April 15, 3 p.m.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Last weekend's First Division matches attracted 16,000 spectators. So far this season the first three competition rounds have attracted nearly 48,000 spectators compared to 36,000 for the corresponding rounds in 1966. After three rounds last year the average attendance per match (it was a 12-team competition then) was 2,400 spectators. So far this year it's 2,666. Although the increase is anything but spectacular, it still shows that the downward trend of the past three seasons has been halted — for good we hope!

ADRIAN RINGLAND, the South Coast fullback, entered hospital last week for a cartilage operation. He will be out of action for at least eight weeks.

Former Pan Hellenic president, ANDREW CARR, leaves for Greece on a business trip tomorrow, Saturday. While overseas he may "talent scout" for the club.

GEOFF WARREN, John's brother and the ex-St. George winger, is now the coach of the Saints' third grade team.

NICK SZEGEDI has taken over as coach of Polonia from John Nowacki, who thus becomes the season's first coaching casualty with Jaros.

CHANNEL 7 will show, tomorrow (Saturday), a brief segment of the Hakoah v. Sth. Coast match in their 6.30 p.m. news.

United we stand... Last week HAKOAH and PAN HELLENIC officially complained to the Federation that St. George and Yugal are "interfering" with their training at outer Wentworth Park — and demanded their removal even from the outer areas... Anyone to fight Rugby League?

Hornsby-North End have signed JOHNNY MAUGHAM, Corinthians' centre-half.

There may be a big shake-up soon in the top administration of the NORTHERN LEAGUE in Newcastle.

Former Sydney star FRANK ARANYI is on loan to Lake Macquarie. If an old knee injury gives him no trouble, he is likely to be signed.

Prague defender BLACKER needed several stitches in a nasty head wound last Sunday. The cause: a mid-air collision with team mate Zeman.

GEORGE GAILBRAITH, Canterbury's Irish player, has recovered from his hernia operation and made his first team debut last week against Yugal.

BARRY TAYLOR, the new St. George stopper, must rate as one of the best and cheapest stars to come to Australia for a long time. He arrived in Melbourne unannounced and joined Metro League side Sandringham who went to considerable trouble in getting his clearance from England. After seven games for "Sandy" he asked for and was given an unconditional release so that he could cash in on his ability

Melita Eagles have engaged the services of FRANK BROOME. The former English international started coaching his new charges this week.

with a State League club. He eventually joined Melbourne-HSC on a free transfer and soon proved his worth in his club's league and Australia Cup success in 1966. Two years as a junior with Cardiff City and then a few years with Hendon and Finchley, Welsh-born Taylor was the outstanding stopper in the recent 1967 Ampol Cup. His transfer fee is understood to have been a most reasonable one between Melbourne-HSC and St. George-Budapest, two sister clubs.

The wife of JOHN SANCHEZ, the former Pan Hellenic skipper, gave birth to a baby daughter in Melbourne last Friday, 36 hours before her husband made his debut for George Cross against Juventus.

Hakoah's ROBBIE McKNIGHT and St. George's NUTTLEY could soon play for Western Suburbs.

● Continued from page 1.

"Finally, through SOCCER WORLD, I would like to assure the Australian public at this early stage, that we are going to take the tour and every single match very seriously.

"We are going to play as hard and as well as we can for the full 90 minutes of every game.

"The score and the results will take care of themselves but we are anxious to give value for money, to entertain and impress the people who come to see us play.

"The name Manchester United means everything to us, in fact we are determined to make this trip a really memorable one."

BLACKTOWN SPURS, the Inter-Suburban Third Division club, publish a monthly bulletin which is issued free to all players and members.

Four competition matches in both First and Second Division will be played on ANZAC DAY, April 25 (see draw page 5).

JOHN GALAMBOS played his first match of the season for Lions in Melbourne last weekend when they were beaten by Alexander. Galambos, as last year, will fly down to play every weekend.

KARL JAROS, the former Melita coach, is reported to have requested a transfer to Canterbury.

Any YOUNGSTERS under the ages of 10 and 12 interested in playing for PAN HELLENIC's junior teams should contact junior official Geoff Page on 34-3536.

This could be a record... In a recent under-14 match in the Northern v. Western Suburbs competition, APIA RANGERS beat their oppo-

ents (who will remain nameless...) 29-0.

FRANK LANG, the lanky St. George-Budapest wing half, may join Juventus (Melbourne) soon.

Croatia are still considering whether to make a proper bid for Slavia's NIGEL SHEPHERD.

WESTERN SUBURBS had a field day last Sunday: of their eight teams six won and two drew! The mayor of Concord kicked off the main game at Concord Oval on behalf of Wests' last Sunday.

GRAHAM CLARKE, Canterbury's talented teenage forward, sustained an injury while training with the Australian squad last week and missed the match against Yugal.

The popular annual "MISS PAN HELLENIC" Quest will be under way soon. Young ladies interested in entering this glamorous competition should ring Pan Hellenic secretary, George Pappas, at 26-6401.

READERS' LETTERS

FAIR GO FOR SOCCER

Hats off to Jim Bayutti for his "attack" on the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust.

I fully concur with him as the decision of the Trust should be condemned by all sports lovers.

It is sheer discrimination towards a great sport, played all over the world, not just in a couple of countries.

The Trust's decision revealed just how they feel towards soccer, but they must remember that the SCG is maintained by all taxpayers.

We soccer fans demand soccer be given a fair deal.

We are taxpayers as much as those fans who follow rugby and cricket, and have every right to stage this important Scotland-Australia international at the SCG.

By barring soccer, the Trust also revealed their fear that soccer will some day take rugby league's place as the top NSW sport.

Soccer is gaining in popularity every day. Every year

throughout Australia hundreds of new teams are being formed while only a handful of rugby clubs are formed.

Like it or not, some day, they will have to swallow this bitter pill, when they see soccer established as the No 1 sport in Australia, and I won't be surprised if some of the present rugby clubs changed codes and switched to soccer.

It is high time all soccer fans staged a grand protest against the Trust's discriminatory attitude as well as that of some newspapers, TV and Radio Stations.

Let's unite and remonstrate against them, by refraining from buying these papers, listening to radio programs and watching the TV.

If we do so, and we are thousands of soccer fans, they will feel the reactions of our protests and they will have to change their attitude towards our sport.

J. Cachia Garrett
Blacktown.

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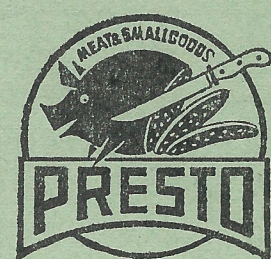
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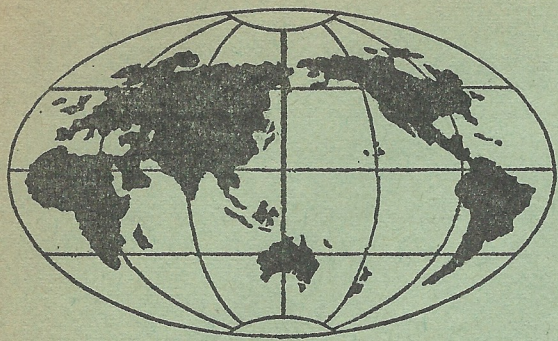
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ROUND THE WORLD

Penarol after Haller

Penarol, the 1966 Intercontinental Cup winners have offered Bologna \$500,000 for their star West German winger Helmut Haller. Penarol have asked Bologna for a loan of Haller when they tour Western Europe later this month. Haller, however, wants no part of the deal as he firmly intends to settle back in Germany when his Italian contract expires in June. The Uruguayan club's terms, however, may be so attractive that Haller could have no alternative but to accept.

World Cup sequel

The Uruguayan FA has officially blamed star internationals Troche and Silva for their national team's World Cup defeat in England. The FA last week fined skipper Troche \$600 and Silva \$200 for their expulsions in the quarter-final against West Germany at Sunderland. Coach Ondino Viera, too, has been fined "for sanctioning his players' temperamental displays", as the official Uruguayan communique puts it. He will have to pay \$500. Troche is said to be furious over the FA's action and contemplating to move to, of all places, West Germany where FC Koln would welcome him with open arms.

Seven-year itch

France, beaten 1-2 by Rumania in Paris three weeks ago, have not won a "friendly" international since May 1960 when they beat Chile 6-0 in Paris. The only matches the French have won in these seven years are official, competitive matches in the European Nations' Cup or World Cup qualifying rounds. Thus the French defeated England and Yugoslavia when it mattered most, but lost to such lesser lights as Switzerland and Rumania, at home, when nothing was at stake.

Hong Kong's victory

Hong Kong won the fourth Asian Central Zone Cup which was staged in the Crown Colony last month. Hong Kong, the 1964 winners, had a 100 per cent. record, beating Vietnam 2-0, Malaysia 3-1, Singapore 2-0 and Thailand 2-1. Malaysia were runners-up and Singapore, a semifinalist at the recent Asian Games a dismal last. Hong Kong will now link up with the winners of the Western, Southeastern and Eastern zones in the final of the Asian Cup to be held next year either in South Korea or Hong Kong.

Mitropa Cup semifinalists

Hungary, Italy, Czechoslovakia and Austria are represented in the semifinals of the Mitropa Cup. The following clubs have qualified for the semis: Fiorentina (1-1 and 1-0 against Tatabanya of Hungary), FK Austria Wien (3-3 and 1-0 against Dinamo Zagreb), Ujpest (2-1 and 5-1 against Sarajevo) and Spartak Trnava (1-1 and 1-0 against Lazio Rome).



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Chelsea, Leeds and Nottingham are in the semifinal of the FA Cup, having last Saturday beaten Sheffield Wednesday (1-0), Manchester City (1-0) and Everton (3-2) respectively. The Birmingham v. Tottenham match (0-0) will be replayed, this time in London.

● Sir Alfred Ramsey has decided to completely rebuild the England under-23 team that was recently beaten by Scotland.

● The FA Cup semifinal draw is: Leeds v. Chelsea and Nottingham Forest v. Birmingham or Tottenham.

● Eusebio has become the manager of Antonio Alfaja, a promising boxer from his native Mozambique.

● This year's traditional Cadiz (Spain) tournament will feature Penarol, Vasco de Gama, Valencia and Real Madrid.

● Wolverhampton signed, for \$125,000, Leicester City's Irish international, Derek Dougan.

● Spain has eliminated Portugal, Hungary has knocked out Czechoslovakia in the UEFA Youth qualifiers.

● Celtic have reached the final of the Scottish Cup where they will meet Aberdeen.

● Igor Netto, the former great Spartak and Russian international, has just published his memoirs.

● Aimore Moreira, former manager of Brazil, may be the new boss of AC Milan soon.

● Sepp Herberger, who led the West German team from 1936 to 1964, received a high government award on his 70th birthday.

● Benfica have lost the services of two of their best forwards until the end of the season: Coluna and Torres. Both had cartilages removed last week.

● Luis Carniglia, Bologna's Argentinian coach, has been fined \$700 by the Italian League for a highly controversial article, attacking Italy's top administrators, in a local newspaper.

● Did you know that since World War II no less than 626 coaches have been sacked by English professional clubs?

● The Mexican national team will play three matches in the USSR, two in Eastern Europe and one in Israel in June.

● Pele has sacked his financial advisor, Pepe Gordo, for mismanagement. Gordo is reported to have lost at least \$150,000 of Pele's money through bad investments in Brazilian mining.

● One of Ferenc Puskas' favorite pastimes these days is to referee Madrid ladies soccer matches. Madrid has three 10-team competitions for women.

● The following teams will take part in the hexagonal Mexican tournament, starting in six weeks: Valencia (Spain), Nacional (Uruguay), Bangu (Brazil), Benfica (Portugal), Anderlecht (Belgium) and local club "America."

● Real Madrid's latest signing is Juan Barrios, right winger and captain of Spain's junior national team. They paid Tenerife \$15,000 for his services.

● FIFA's 1968 Congress is now certain to be held at Guadalajara, Mexico, while the Olympics are in progress.

● Jose Aguas, the former Benfica and FK Austria Wien centre-forward, will coach Rio club, Portuguesa, next season.

● One of Mexico's leading players, Salvador Reyes, has joined the US Professional club, Los Toros (Los Angeles), without notifying his club, Guadalajara. Reyes was one of the best Mexican players in the World Cup finals.

● Pele, Yashin, Onega, Marzolini, Matosas, Yakimov and Asparoukhov are among the international stars who have been invited to appear in the Uruguay v. "World XI" charity match in Montevideo on April 19 in aid of Uruguayan flood victims.

● St. Patrick will play the final of the Eire Cup against the winner of the drawn semifinal between Dundalk and Shamrock Rovers.

● Sparta Prague, thanks to the combined talents of Mráz and Jurkanin, have taken the lead in the Czech First Division eight rounds from the end. Sparta has a one-point lead over Dukla Prague.

● Austrian soccer, once the exclusive preserve of Vienna, is ever decentralising itself. The president of the FA, Herr Walch comes from Styria, the national coach, Erwin Alge, is from Vorarlberg, and now to cap it all a provincial team, Wacker Innsbruck, is a serious championship contender.

● FC Basel are set to take out the Swiss "double" this year. They have reached the Cup final and lead the competition with six rounds to go.

● Zoltan Varga, a reserve at last year's World Cup, is today rated as Hungary's most talented young star.

● France's juniors qualified for the finals of the UEFA tournament in Turkey next month by eliminating Switzerland (2-1 and 1-0).

● East Germany beat Holland 4-3 in a European Nations' Cup match in Leipzig last Sunday week.

● FC Napoli, the Italian club, has been barred from competing in the Fair Cities' Cup for three years following incidents during, and after, the recent match against Burnley of England.

● Bela Guttmann, now living in Vienna, announced last week that he would never again coach. The only position he may accept, he said, was that of sporting director.

● As from this year an annual tournament, which will be called the Iberian Cup, will be held alternatively in Spain and Portugal between the top two teams from each country at the conclusion of the season.

Early ambition

One of the 50 applicants for the manager's job at Bradford, England was 15-year-old schoolboy Zbigniew Zwierzewicz. He told chairman Leonard Evans that it is his ambition to become a football team manager — and he is willing to try now. The boy was born in England of Polish parents.

Rio's new star

Rio fans have a new idol: a 25-year-old centre-forward named Ademar. This latest sensation plays for Flamengo, the 1965 Rio champions. Ademar joined Flamengo late last year from Palmeiras Sao Paulo where he was the leading goalscorer. He would certainly have been selected in the Brazilian World Cup squad if he hadn't broken his leg four months before the finals. Ademar was brought to Rio by Flamengo's Swedish technical director, Gunnar Goransson, and overnight became a hit with the club's 35,000 "socios". This season he has already scored seven goals in five matches for his new club and Pele has demanded he play alongside him in the national team.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRIA: Admira v. gyor 1-4; Komlo v. Tatabanya 1-1.

ITALY: Atalanta v. Torino 1-1; Fiorentina v. AC Milan 1-0; Foggia v. Lecce 4-1; Inter Milan v. Bologna 2-1; Juventus v. AS Roma 2-0; Lazio v. Cagliari 0-1; Napoli v. Mantova 1-0; Spal v. Vicenza 1-1; Venezia v. Brescia 3-1.

PORTUGAL: Benfica v. Sanjoanense 1-0; Leixoes v. Sporting 0-1; Belenenses v. Braga 1-0; Beira Mar v. Academica 0-3; Setubal v. Porto 0-1; Guimaraes v. Atletico 2-0; Varzim v. CUF 1-0.

SPAIN: Granada v. Elche 2-1; Real Madrid v. Cordoba 3-0; Sevilla v. Atletico Madrid 1-1; Zaragoza v. Sabadell 1-0; Hercules v. Valencia 4-1; Espanol v. Pontevedra 2-2; Bilbao v. Coruna 4-0.

SWITZERLAND: FC Basel v. Servette 1-1; Bienne v. Montier 1-1; Chaux-de-Fonds v. Young Fellows 1-1; Grasshoppers v. Zurich 2-1; Lausanne v. Grange 1-2; Lugano v. Young Boys 3-0; Winterthur v. Sion 0-2.

YUGOSLAVIA: Red Star v. Olimpija 5-1; Dinamo v. Sutjeska 3-0; Celik v. Velez 1-1; Vardar v. Zeljeznicar 2-0; OFK Belgrade v. Hajduk 0-0; Sarajevo v. Zagreb 2-3; Rijeka v. Radnicki Nis 3-1; Vojvodina v. Partizan 0-1.

GREECE: Panserraikos v. Olympiakos 0-0; Apollon v. Panathinaikos 0-1; Veria v. AEK 0-0; Panionios v. Trikala 3-0; Aris v. Heraklis 1-0; PAOK v. Vizaz 5-2; Prodeftiki v. Egaleo 2-2; Pierikos v. Ethnikos 0-0.

HOLLAND: Telstar v. Ajax 0-3; GVVAV v. Feyenoord 1-4; Fortuna v. Go Ahead 1-1; ADO v. DOS 6-1; Xerxes v. Willem II 2-1; Elinkwijk v. PSV 0-0; NAC v. Sittardia 0-1; Twente v. Sparta 1-1; DWS v. MVV 4-0.

HUNGARY: MTK v. Pecs 1-0; Szombathely v. Vasas 1-2; Szeged v. Salgotarjan 6-3; Ferencvaros v. Csepel 2-0; Eger v. Győr 2-1; Dunaujvaros v. Ujpest 1-4; Honved v. Diosgyor 0-1.

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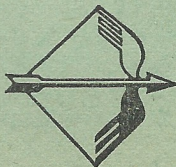
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COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	3	—	—	11	1	6
Prague	2	1	—	10	4	5
Hakoah	2	—	1	9	3	4
P. Hellenic	2	—	1	8	4	4
Croatia	1	2	—	6	5	4
Yugal	2	—	1	6	7	4
SCU	1	1	1	6	6	3
Polonia-NS	1	1	1	4	6	3
Melita E.	1	—	2	4	5	2
St. George	—	1	2	3	11	1
Cumberland	—	—	3	3	11	0
Canterbury	—	—	3	2	9	0

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
P. Hellenic	3	—	—	6	1	6
Prague	2	1	—	10	1	5
Cumberland	2	—	1	14	5	4
St. George	2	—	1	14	5	4
Hakoah	2	—	1	11	5	4
Polonia-NS	2	—	1	8	8	4
APIA	2	—	1	9	12	4
SCU	—	2	1	3	7	2
Croatia	—	1	2	2	4	1
Yugal	—	1	2	3	10	1
Canterbury	—	1	2	3	12	1
Melita E.	—	—	3	5	18	0

Grade III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland	3	—	—	7	3	6
Croatia	3	—	—	10	5	6
Polonia-NS	2	—	1	5	2	4
St. George	2	—	1	8	4	4
Prague	1	1	1	9	5	3
Hakoah	1	1	1	5	6	3
Canterbury	1	1	1	4	6	3
APIA	1	1	1	6	9	3
P. Hellenic	1	—	2	4	7	2
SCU	—	1	2	5	8	1
Melita E.	—	1	2	3	9	0
Yugal	—	—	3	3	9	0

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hornsby-NE	2	1	—	12	6	5
Sutherland	2	1	—	6	3	5
West. Subs.	2	—	1	12	4	4
Balgownie	2	—	1	8	5	4
N. Bankstown	2	—	1	8	7	4
Bankstown	1	1	1	5	4	3
Granville	—	3	—	6	6	3
Manly	1	1	1	5	5	3
Lane Cove	—	2	1	2	4	2
Marconi	—	1	2	2	5	2
Corinthians	—	1	2	4	7	1
Blacktown	—	—	3	4	18	0

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hornsby-NE	3	—	—	11	1	6
Marconi	2	1	—	8	3	5
West. Subs.	2	1	—	9	5	5
Sutherland	2	—	1	14	8	4
Manly	2	—	1	6	4	4
Balgownie	1	1	1	4	4	3
Bankstown	1	1	1	5	10	3
Granville	1	—	2	5	5	2
Blacktown	—	2	1	3	7	2
Corinthians	—	1	2	4	10	1
N. Bankstown	—	1	2	1	8	1
Lane Cove	—	—	3	5	10	0

LAST WEEK'S

RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

(Second and Third Grades)		
P. Hellenic v. Hakoah	3-1	3-0
Melita E. v. Polonia	3-4	1-3
C'bury v. Yugal	1-1	4-1
SCU v. Cumberland	2-6	2-3
Prague v. Croatia	2-1	1-2
St. George v. APIA	8-0	7-3

SECOND DIVISION

(First and Second Grades)		
N. B'town v. Balgownie	2-1	0-3
Sutherland v. Manly	3-1	1-4
Lane Cove v. Bankstown	1-1	1-2
Marconi v. Corinthians	1-0	5-2
Granville v. Hornsby-NE	4-4	0-2
West-Subs. v. Blacktown	8-1	2-2

LEADING SCORERS

Watkins (APIA)	5
Harrison (SCU)	4
Manuel (Prague)	4
Alagich (Yugal)	3
Hood (Hakoah)	3

TEAM OF THE WEEK

EATON (Melita E.)
NUTTALL (APIA)
SNEDDEN (Croatia)
WESTWATER (P. Hell.)
ZEMAN (Prague)
TOLSON (SCU)
POVEY (Prague)
MINOL (Polonia-NS)
HARRISON (SCU)
J. ALAGICH (Yugal)
BLITZ (P. Hell.)

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

P. Hellenic

1 (1)

Blitz 18 min.

Hakoah

0 (0)

Canterbury

1 (0)

Yaager 85 min.

Yugal

2 (1)

J. Alagich 8 min., Lalic 30 min. (penalty).

Melita E.

1 (0)

M. Azzopardi 74 min.

Polonia

2 (1)

Krawiarz 28 and 49 mins. (penalties).

St. George

1 (0)

Fernandez 89 min.

A.P.I.A.

4 (2)

Campana 4 min., Watkiss 41 min., Van Blerk 69 min., Giacometti 88 min.

Sth. Coast

4 (2)

Harrison 27, 40 and 62 mins., Freeme 60 min.

Cumberland

2 (0)

Allan 64 min., Kerr 68 min. (t.o.g.).

Prague

2 (1)

Blanco 5 min., Scheinflug 76 min.

Croatia

2 (1)

Tracey (o.g.) 2 min., Giles 48 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Rademacher 4; Johnston 4; Omeros 3; Westwater 5, Cole 4, McCulloch 4; Smith 3, Karyannis 3, Logan 4, Laraman 3, Blitz 4.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Fuzes 4; Edwards 3; Hillsdon 3; Walsh 4, Marnoch 4, Duffy 3; Fekete 3 (Edmunds 3), Baartz 3, Hood 4, Atoua 3, Holden 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: T. Jelisavcic.

Margeit 4; Raeburn 3, Williamson 3; Romanos 4, Whitehead (sent off), Hardy 2; Rinos 4, Galbraith 3, Yaager 4, Kauz 3, Jamieson 2.

TOTAL: 32

Coach: G. Polgar.

Djukic 3; Kosanic 3, Crnic 3; Ringhoff 3, Dunaj 4, Rafaneli 4; M. Alagich 3, Takac 4, Bobic 3, J. Alagich 4, Lalic 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: F. Dunaj.

Eaton 5; Falzon 4, Woods 2; Hewlett 2, Cilia 3, Craig 2; Mulqueeney 2, Mullan 3, Azzopardi 3, Hunter 2, Reid 2.

TOTAL: 30

Drewniak 3; Filok 3, Skiba 3; Calphy 4, Nowacki 4, Komoder 4; Gaik 3, Minol 4, Baker 3, Krawiarz 4, Muhlbauer 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: N. Szegedi.

Sokoloff 4; Stegbauer 3, Hillary 3 (Zuckerman 3); Morgan 3, Taylor 3, De Bruin 3; McCogan 3, Schaefer 4, Hillhouse 2, Cliss 4, Fernandez 3.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Rorke 3; Nuttall 5, Ackerley 4; Hughes 4, Van Blerk 4, Blue 4; Campbell 3, Campana 4, Watkiss 4, Giacometti 3, Kerklaan 3.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: A. Iglesias.

Nuell 3; Kerr 3, Salisbury 3; Carr 3, Barnes 3, Tolson 5; Paterson 4, Barnett 3, Harrison 5, Freeme 2, Davies 2.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: G. Barnett.

Hopkins 3; Smith 2, Addison 2; Charlton 3, P. Keen 3, R. Keen 2; Keddie 3, Allan 2, Penfold 1, Goldie 4, Keenan 3.

TOTAL: 28

Coach: L. Qusted.

King 4; Harcombe 3, Tracey 4; Blacker 3 (injured), Zeman 5, Lissing 2; Povey 4, Scheinflug 4, Blanco 3, Manuel 3, Gauto 2.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: J. Venglos.

Corry 4; Lincoln 5, Snedden 4, Sloan 3, Curry 3, Reynolds 3; Massey 3, Giles 4, F. Cush 2, R. Cush 2, Tyrrell 4.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: M. Kiss.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Match rating: * * * *

Apart from the first 20 minutes after the interval, Pan Hellenic always had Hakoah's measure and won much more comfortably than the score indicates. Inspired by a magnificent Westwater, they enjoyed, surprisingly enough, a marked midfield advantage. In attack Pan Hellenic were also the faster, more purposeful, and their defence always held their ground well. Hakoah were disappointing in all departments, never functioned as a team and sadly lacked imagination. The match was of a good standard, particularly the exciting second half.

Crowd: 3,700

Referee: M. Buchanan.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

Match rating: * * *

Canterbury undeservedly trailed 0-1 at halftime. The inclusion of Yaager and Kauz added more punch to their forward-line but torrid defence by Yugal kept the home team from scoring. In the second half Yugal played a clever 4-2-4 game and, marshalled by the crafty Dunaj, took control of the game. It was an interesting game which could have gone either way — Whitehead missed a penalty — but Yugal's control of midfield after the interval clinched the match.

Crowd: 1,138.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

— STEPHEN PAIN

Match rating: * * *

Melita Eagles were outplayed for the great part of the game, but almost snatched a draw in a hectic, incident-packed final 15 minutes. But any other result than a win for Polonia would have been harsh justice as they were unquestionably more skilful in attack and methodical in defence. Melita hotly disputed both penalty decisions — and the first did seem rather doubtful. There was, however, never any doubt about Polonia's marked superiority.

Crowd: 1,800.

Referee: F. Woolman.

— ALAN SPEERS

Match rating: * * *

A disappointing match, especially in the first half when the standard was mediocre. After the interval the pace quickened, with APIA gaining a very firm grip on the match and bombarding the St. George goal for the entire half. Saints had no answer to APIA's all-round power, had no say whatsoever in the match in the second half and only escaped a greater hammering through the poor finishing of the APIA forwards.

Crowd: 5,000.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * *

South Coast's forwards monopolized the play midfield, but failed to finish off most movements against a woeful Cumberland which lacked any semblance of method. Centre-forward Harrison played his best game for South Coast since coming from England, scoring a hat-trick and "making" the fourth goal. Tolson, however, was the star of the match, with a classy display both in defence and attack. This match in general produced precious little to enthuse about.

Crowd: 1,450.

Referee: N. Jones.

— LEN SIMMONS

Match rating: * * * *

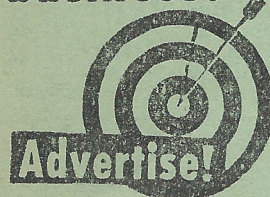
In a near typhoon that would have suited Dame Pattie better than two football teams, a surprisingly good match developed. As it so often happens, neither team could take advantage of the wind so the game was pretty even and ended in a fair draw. Midfield Croatia played the slightly more mature football but the Prague forward line showed more mobility and enterprise, especially towards the end when they could have clinched both points. Croatia can thank Curry for their dropped point as the equaliser, a Scheinflug free-kick rocket, came as a result of a totally needless foul on Manuel — who didn't even have the ball.

Crowd: 3,000.

Referee: H. Eilerts.

— PAUL DEAN

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Tight Polonia defence will test Pan Hellenic

— By PAUL DEAN —

The inevitable has happened: APIA are now clearly in the lead and, one suspects, will stay there for the rest of the competition.

However, the field is closely packed behind them with two points separating second from ninth.

Most of the leading teams will have a seemingly easy task this weekend — but upsets and surprises could be the order of the day.

Hakoah v.

South Coast

After their shock defeat last week, Hakoah cannot afford to be complacent any more.

Despite high hopes to the contrary, their old nagging disease is still very much in evidence: the forwards are goal-shy.

Even more catastrophic was last week their failure to dominate the midfield, a job usually carried out splendidly by Duffy, Walsh and Holden.

South Coast, in their den, scored an easy win last week — but Cumberland, with due respect, mustn't be regarded as a yardstick.

Hakoah, on paper, are superior in every department of the game except perhaps in enthusiasm and speed.

If they can return to their short, precise passing game and if they take their chances, they should win but South Coast could push them to the limit.

Watch: South Coast's English goal-grabber Harrison.

Cumberland v.

Prague

Through their dismal performances so far, Cumberland are doing more than just annoying their own fans: they are destroying much of the argument on behalf of district soccer.

How and why they play so wretchedly seems to be a mystery, even allowing for the fact that their team is anything but over-laden with talent.

Prague at the moment are a nippy, clever and imaginative team, much better than most people give them credit for.

Zeman's return to form, Scheinflug's guile, Blanco's

scheming and the dash of Povey and Manuel make them a dangerous opponent for any team.

It would take a major, king-size recovery by Cumberland to avoid yet another defeat — especially on their home ground, where they are strangely ill at ease.

Prague should win and consolidate their place near the top.

Watch: Zeman again in holding together the Prague rear.

Croatia v.

Canterbury

There seems to be a fairly big difference between these two teams — and this could show on Sunday.

Croatia are mature, experienced and endowed with a fair amount of talent; Canterbury are inexperienced, though promising and keen.

Croatia are no longer the "collapsible" team they once were; their defence is tight and well organised.



T. SNEDDEN (Croatia)

If the Cush brothers again find touch, their forward line will be on par with their defence.

Canterbury certainly could do with some reinforcement as their present squad somehow lacks a leader.

Croatia must be hot favorites for both points — and will probably get them, too.

Watch: Giles masterminding the Croatia attack.

Yugal v.

St. George

Yugal's showing last week was disappointing — not to mention St. George's who are really in a bad shape.

Although they won, Yugal played rather poorly, especially in attack.

St. George, with a number of their regulars in a slump, are forced to experiment with new formations and it's doubtful if they can find the right one straight away.

The team seems in two minds whether to play an old fashioned, "attacking" football or a tighter 4-2-4 system and the result is chaos.

Player by player, St. George more than stand any comparison with their opponents but Yugal are more of a unit at the moment.

The outcome of this could be close to a draw though St. George just may drag themselves up from the floor and collect the points against a team they almost always manage to beat.

Watch: Fernandez in St. George back to his old tricks.

Polonia-NS v.

Pan Hellenic

Frankly, both occupy higher placings than one would have expected at this stage.

Polonia are eking out a satisfactory First Division living with their cautious, narrow point-snatchings, built on a solid, experienced defence and a couple of good individual forward performances.

Pan Hellenic are a vastly improved team and with Blitz and Laraman in the forward line, now possess more than just a healthy spirit.

However, their newly found strength is in their midfield men led by McCulloch and Westwater, whose thoughtful distribution is gradually taking the chance element out of their style.

Polonia will almost certainly try to slow down the

game and turn it into a formidable to relinquish defensive battle.

If they succeed in this, they may retain at least one of the points; otherwise they could expect a narrow defeat.

Watch: Hakoah "cast-off" Laraman finding his "Melbourne" form.

APIA v.

Melita Eagles

With metronomic regularity, the feared APIA machine is demolishing one opponent a week — just like last year.

They struck form at the right moment and after a mere three rounds look too

formidable to relinquish their lead, now or later.

The amazing thing about them is that they can score good wins even when they play indifferently — when others would lose without a murmur.

There is a vast amount of skill and talent in their team and this will be terribly hard for Melita to counter.

The Eagles have come down to earth, after a good start, and are likely to continue their battle closer to the bottom than the top.

At least after this encounter where, in all possession of all faculties, we predict a painless APIA win.

Watch: Nuttall's stupendous form in APIA.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Hakoah v. South Coast — Wentworth Park
Cumberland v. Prague — Mona Park

Bankstown v. Western Suburbs — Bankstown Oval
Hornsby-NE v. Marconi — Pennant Hills Oval

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Croatia v. Canterbury — Wentworth Park
Yugal v. St. George — Marks Field
Polonia-NS v. Pan Hellenic — North Sydney Oval
APIA v. Melita Eagles — Lambert Park

Corinthians v. Sutherland — Jubilee Oval
Manly v. Lane Cove — Graham Reserve
Blacktown v. North Bankstown — Francis Park
Balgownie v. Granville — Balgownie

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Croatia v. Cumberland — S.C.G. No 2
Melita Eagles v. Yugal — Mona Park
Canterbury v. St. George — Arlington Oval

Bankstown v. Manly — Bankstown Oval

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

South Coast v. Polonia-NS — Woonona Oval
Prague v. Hakoah — Marks Field
Pan Hellenic v. APIA — Wentworth Park
Sutherland v. Hornsby-NE — Seymour Shaw Park
Lane Cove v. Corinthians — Pottery Green
Marconi v. Balgownie — Marconi Oval
Granville v. Blacktown — Macarthur Park
Western Suburbs v. North Bankstown — Concord Oval

ANZAC DAY, APRIL 25

Croatia v. Pan Hellenic — Erskineville Oval
Cumberland v. Melita Eagles — Mona Park
Polonia-NS v. Yugal — S.C.G. No 2
APIA v. Canterbury — Lambert Park
Manly v. Granville — Graham Reserve
Corinthians v. North Bankstown — Jubilee Oval
Hornsby-NE v. Blacktown — Pennant Hills Oval
Western Suburbs v. Balgownie — Concord Oval

LINE-UPS

HAKOAH

FUZZES
EDWARDS
HILLSDON
WALSH
MARNOC
DUFFY
FEKETE
BAARTZ
HOOD
HARDING
HOLDEN

SOUTH COAST

NUELL
KERR
SALISBURY
CARR
BARNES
TOLSON
PATTERSON
BARNETT
HARRISON
FREEM
DAVIES

CUMBERLAND

HOPKINS
SMITH
ADDISON
CHARLTON
P. KEEN
FERNIE
KEDDIE
ALLAN
GOLDIE
ENTWISTLE
KEENAN

PRAGUE

EARL
HARCOMBE
TRACEY
HAIG
ZEMAN
SCHEINFLUG
POVEY
GAUTO
G. MANUEL
BLANCO
LISSING

CROATIA

CORRY
LINCOLN
SLOAN
CURRY
SNEDDEN
R. CUSH
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ISAAC
McCOLGAN
CLISS
FERNANDEZ

POLONIA

DREWNIAK
FILOK
SKIBA
CALPHY
NOWACKI
KOMODER
GAIK
MINOL
BAKER
KRAWIARZ
MUEHLBAUER

PAN HELLENIC

MAGLIS
JOHNSTON
OMEROS
WESTWATER
COLE
McCULLOCH
SMITH
KARYANNIS
LOGAN
LARAMAN
BLITZ

APIA

RORKE
NUTTALL
ACKERLEY
HUGHES
VAN BLERK
BLUE
CAMPBELL
CAMPANA
WATKISS
GIACOMETTI
KERKLAAN

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
FALZON
WOODS
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CILIA
HUNTER
STUART
MULLAN
MULQUEENEY
AZZOPARDI
REID

TIPSTERS' CORNER

THIS WEEKEND'S

MATCHES

	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	MARCEL NACY	KEITH GILMOUR	CHARLES SPITERI	ALAN SPEERS	MOST FAVORED
Hakoah v. SCU	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cumberland v. Prague	2	2	2	2	x	2	2
Croatia v. Canterbury	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yugal v. St. George	2	1	2	x	2	x	2
Polonia v. Pan Hellenic	x	x	2	2	x	x	x
APIA v. Melita Eagles	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bankstown v. W. Subs.	1	1	x	2	1	1	1
Hornsby v. Marconi	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Corinthians v. Suth.	2	x	1	2	2	x	2
Manly v. Lane Cove	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Blacktown v. N. B'town	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Balgownie v. Granville	1	x	x	x	x	1	x

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	APIA	Hakoah	St. George	South Coast	Pan Hellenic	Prague	Croatia	Yugal	Cumberland	Polonia	Canterbury	M. Eagles
APIA	●							5-0				
Hakoah		●										3-
St. George	1-4	1-6	●									
South Coast				●					4-2			
Pan Hellenic		1-0			●	1-3						
Prague						●	2-2				5-1	
Croatia				1-1			●					
Yugal								●		4-1		
Cumberland					1-5				●			
Polonia-NS			1-1							●		
Canterbury	0-2							1-2			●	
Melita Eagles									2-0	1-2		●

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

SUTHERLAND, HORNSBY
COULD STAY ON TOP

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

With the third round over, only three teams — Sutherland, Hornsby, North End and Granville — remain unbeaten — neither with full points though.

This season the Second Division competition is the most keenly contested ever and so far no clear pattern has emerged.

With the exception of Blacktown, and probably Corinthians, every team is still in the running for the much-sought after promotion.

The most remarkable feature of this Division is the unexpected showing of the newly-promoted clubs and the vast improvement of last year's bottom-of-the-table teams.

North Bankstown v. Balgownie 2-1

The tempo of the game was fast with the ball coming up and down with some great bursts of speed but North Bankstown always held a territorial advantage.

Balgownie badly missed their pivot Potter, who last week had to be carried off the field with a badly injured ankle.

All three goals were scored in the first half — in the 32nd and 40th minutes by North Bankstown, and in the 44th min. for Balgownie from a penalty.

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North Bankstown: Kerr; Baber, Watson; Scallin, Duncan, Cleverly; Pitman, Buckley, Roberts (1), Marchetti, Mula (1).

Balgownie: Jones; Thommeny, Isedale; Gibson, Chrislo, D. Whitehead; P. Whitehead, Simister, Large, Eggers (1), Kearson.

Sutherland v. Manly 3-1

In a game which was spoilt by a strong breeze Sutherland went straight on the attack and inside-left Davidson dribbled past two defenders and the on-coming goalkeeper to score an easy goal into an empty net with the game only 3 minutes old.

Manly attacked strongly but the Sutherland defence held on grimly until the 30th minute when centre-half O'Reilly, under pressure, handled the ball.

From the resulting penalty kick P. Jones made no mistake and the half

time score was tied at 1-1.

In the second half, Sutherland's half back Griffiths, playing at centre forward because of an injury, scored two good goals, one from a rebound and one after beating two defenders.

Sutherland: Gray; O'Brien, Rattenbury; Senior, O'Reilly, Griffiths (2); Corfield, Shrubsole, P. Cuciti, Davidson (1), S. Cuciti.

Manly: Tuinman; McGrath, Brooks; Verrills, Campbell, Freeman; Harris, Waller, G. Jones, Ridding, P. Jones.

Granville v. Hornsby 4-4

A see-saw battle took place at Macarthur Park with the ball — hard to keep under control because of the strong wind — deceiving the players of both sides.

Granville started well and within 15 minutes were leading 2-0 but Hornsby soon took the initiative, scoring three quick goals to lead 3-2 at half time.

In the second half, Hornsby went further ahead through a penalty, but Granville came back very strongly midway through the second half to score two goals to even the score and nearly snatched both points when Toma missed a sitter two yards out with the Hornsby keeper flat on the ground.

Granville: Murray; Falzon, Baaks; Pendleton, Creilly, Dean; Gallagher (1); Day (1); Shepherd (2), Toma, Grundy.

Hornsby: McDonald; Lapwood, Vickers; Hogan, Armstrong, Booth; Horne, Davies (2); Bastas (2) Hughes, Dickerson.

Marconi v. Corinthians 1-0

Once again Corinthians were saved from a bigger defeat by goalie Derek Griffin.

The wind played havoc with the ball and the passing was inaccurate on both sides, but Marconi played by far the better football.

At half time, the score was 0-0, but in the second half a good drive by Tyrrell found the net for the locals.

Marconi: Langelaar; Napta, Scotti; Zorato, Milani, Morn; Tyrrell (1), Vasvary, Okorn, Pols, Gardino.

Corinthians: Griffin; Clarke, Noon; Woods, Herpe, McKnight; Waite, Amey, Fannings, Smith, Martin.

Lane Cove v. Bankstown 1-1

Lane Cove, playing a careful defensive game, managed to snatch another valuable point against the more fancied Bankstown.

Lane Cove led 1-0 at half time after a beautiful hard drive from centre-forward Thomas, from 25 yards out, hit the upper corner of the net.

This goal came against the run of play as Bankstown held a territorial advantage, but with defeat imminent they improved in the second half and scored the equaliser after 10 minutes.

Bankstown kept up the pressure, but against the tight Lane Cove defence their short-passing game failed to produce the winning goal.

Lane Cove: Reed; Clarke, Holmes; Mitchell, Gamble, Carter; Jagger, Kelly, Thomas (1); Aird, Thomson.

Bankstown: Friedl; Fitzgerald, Jamieson; McDermott, Hinksman, Madden; Price, Grange, Stiffle, Bamford (1), Clarke.

Western Suburbs v. Blacktown 8-1

Playing their first match of the competition on their new home ground at Concord Oval, Western Suburbs gave Blacktown a soccer lesson.

Western Suburbs really excelled in all departments, with the forwards easing up midway through the second half, saving Blacktown from a bigger thrashing.

The only Blacktown player who came out with full marks was their 15-year-old goalkeeper who, despite the eight goals, saved his side from the most terrible defeat.

Western Suburbs: Iro; Bastion, Apostolidis; Holmes, Bijkerk, Whyte; Chrystal, Bosklopper (3), Omeros (3), Davies, Smit (2).

THIS WEEKEND

The match between Bankstown and Western Suburbs at Bankstown Oval should produce some of the best soccer this weekend.

Bankstown, after losing three points in the last two matches, are determined to return to the winning list but Western Suburbs are a strong side capable of upsetting any team in the division, even away from home.

The Hornsby-Marconi match at West Pennant

THIS WEEKEND'S AMATEUR DRAW

Saturday, April 15

First Division: Sydney University v. Marrickville — St. Paul's Oval; Concordia v. Sth. Sydney — Tempe Reserve; Artarmon v. North Sydney — Artarmon Park.

Second Division: Belmore v. East Side-MTK — Rudd Park; Liverpool Inter v. Auburn — Jardine Park; Warringah v. Penrith — Graham Reserve; Gympie v. All Stars — Seymour Shaw Park.

Third Division: Blacktown Spurs v. Dee Why — Maryong Oval; Ku-Ring-Gai v. Liverpool City — Asquith Park; Condell Park v. Smithfield — Bankstown Showground.

Sunday, April 16

First Division: Granville v. Kewpies v. University NSW — Colquhoun Oval; Lidcombe v. Ryde — Coleman Park; Wentworth v. Thistle — Jones Park.

Second Division: Riverside Rapids v. Guildford — Mahoney Park; Yagoona v. Arncliffe — O'Neill Park.

Third Division: St. Marys v. Gladesville-Hornsby — Jamison Park; Enmore v. Greenacre — Mackey Park; Padstow RSL v. Willoughby — Padstow Oval.

Hills should produce many goals but Hornsby with a more balanced forward-line and their greater speed should come out the winners.

Sutherland should retain their flattering position on top of the ladder by defeating the youthful Corinthians and Manly are favored to beat Lane Cove while North Bankstown are certain to have far too many guns for the hapless Blacktown.

At Balgownie, South Coast fans can expect a thriller — and probably a draw with Granville.

UPSET IN TASMANIA

The biggest upset in Hobart soccer history for years occurred when Juventus, the underdogs for many seasons, toppled last year's league champions Olympia in the Ampol Cup final.

Juventus won 2-1. Much of their success can be attributed to the astute coaching of Alex Sarfaly, who moved over to the Italians after spending three seasons with Olympia.

Juventus moved the ball with more purpose from the kick-off, and caught the Olympian defence flat-footed during several raids.

— Ken Dexter.

TABLES AND RESULTS

DIVISION I									
Nth. Sydney	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Sth. Sydney	2	—	5	1	4	3			
Marrickville	1	1	3	1	3	3			
Ryde	1	1	—	5	2	3			
Lidcombe	—	1	2	1	2	2			
Wentworth	1	—	1	7	6	2			
Kewpies	—	2	—	2	2	2			
Concordia	1	—	1	5	7	2			
Artarmon	1	—	1	2	4	2			
Thistle	—	1	1	1	4	1			
Sydney Uni.	—	—	2	2	6	0			
Uni. NSW	—	—	2	2	6	0			

DIVISION II									
East Side	W	D	L	F	A	P			
All Stars	2	—	6	3	4	3			
Arncliffe	1	1	—	4	2	3			
Warringah	1	1	—	4	3	3			
Yagoona	1	—	1	11	3	2			
L'pool Inter	1	—	1	6	3	2			
Belmore	1	—	1	7	4	2			
Gympie	—	2	—	5	5	2			
Guildford	1	—	1	5	9	2			
Penrith	—	1	1	4	6	1			
Riverside	—	1	1	3	7	1			
Auburn	—	2	0	13	0	0			

DIVISION III									
Condell Park	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Enmore	2	—	11	0	4	4			
Dee Why	2	—	8	3	4	4			
Greenacre	2	—	12	8	4	4			
St. Marys	1	—	10	8	2	2			
Gladesville	1	—	1	7	7	2			
Willoughby	1	—	1	3	6	2			
L'pool City	1	—	1	5	11	2			
Smithfield	—	2	8	10	0	0			
Padstow RSL	—	2	5	12	0	0			
Ku-ring-gai	—	2	1	6	0	0			
Blacktown	—	2	2	14	0	0			

DIVISION I									
S. Sydney v. Syd. Uni.	3-1	2-1							
Concordia v. Wentworth	2-6	0-5							
Ryde v. Thistle	1-1	9-0							
Marrickville v. Kewpies	2-2	3-1							
Uni. NSW v. Artarmon	1-2	0-3							
Nth. Sydney v. Lidcombe	2-1	1-3							

DIVISION II									
Arncliffe v. Warringah	3-2	5-2							
Penrith v. All Stars	1-3	2-3							
Guildford v. Belmore	4-3	2-1							
Riverside v. Gympie	2-2	2-0							
East Side v. L'pool Inter	3-1	6-0							
Auburn v. Yagoona	0-4	3-2							

DIVISION III									
Dee Why v. St. Marys	6-3	3-0							
Gladesville v. Ku-ring-gai	4-1	0-3							
Willoughby v. Smithfield	3-2	3-2							
Blacktown v. Condell Park	0-7	0-3							
L'pool C. v. Enmore	1-8	1-5							
Greenacre v. P'tow RSL	5-2	4-0							

INTERSUBURBAN TEAMS, SCORERS

DIVISION I

Uni. NSW: Williams, Wellings, See, Carr, Chulabodhi, Stokes, Kozling, Cheung, Deligante (1), Fu, Bayliss.

Artarmon: D. Wright, Driscoll, Daires, Harding, Skinner, Poulter (1), Thomas, Wright (1), Williams, May, Walters.

Marrickville: Moffatt, Gardner, Tinker, Kelly, Murray, Hockey, McIntosh (1), Horan, Murphy (1), Bennett, Brettle.

Granville Kewpies: O'Keefe, Armytage, Racker, Thorley, Shepherd, Nowland, Rees, Shaw (1), Carter, Tuining (1), Eady.

North Sydney: De Francesco, Impellizzeri, Rothenfluh, Suttie, Purcell, Burke, Barbi, Spresian, Beekie, Arnott (1), Bogle (1).

Lidcombe: K. Johnson, Catton, C. Benton, W. Johnson, Ovendon, Hedder, Gibson, Laggan (1), Wilson.

South Sydney: McFarlane, Coulton, Slowgrove, Coombe, Rolfe, Collis, Cross, Reed, Salibas, Ure (1), Berne (2).

Sydney Uni.: Easton, Davies, Guinfield, Curtis, Benedek, Grunhard, Citraro, Mitchell, Belme (1), Reily, Garman.

Concordia: Piotrowski, Woznica, Auras, Fojtlin, Derbin, Unterstein, Relich, Baumgartner, Blasberg, Wopperer, Pucher.

Wentworth: Wilkes, Phillips, Blinkhurst, North, Foulkes, Sargent, Brown, Prince, Young, Burgemann, Curtis.

Referee: J. Henkelman. (No scores available).

DIVISION II

Penrith: Weeks, Brandis, Campbell, Cook, Churchley, Schaefer (1), Allan, Foot, Thoms, Vibert, Brady.

All Stars: Wupper, F. Barry, Newell, Horton, Dunscombe, Creilly, McCracken (1), Robertson (1), K. Barry (1), Barnett, Rankin.

East Side-MTK: Koch, Nadel, James, Sugar, Forgacs, Devine, Benko, Karsay (1), Baner, Kaposi (2), Haner.

Liverpool Inter: Festa, Praturlon, G. Scala, Pasteca, Vicario, Mauro (1), Lamacchia, Solano, Ianni, Chianotto, N. Scala.

Guildford: Pillar, Whyte, Crozier, Pearce, Jach, Sands (2), Carrig, Bligh.

WITH THE AMATEURS

FIVE VIE FOR DIV. I. LEAD

Marrickville, North Sydney, Lidcombe, Ryde, and South Sydney are all disputing the lead in Division. I.

After only two rounds, only Norths gained full points in first grade.

North Sydney beat Lidcombe 2-1 at Cammeray Park on Sunday.

The visitors kicked-off into a stiff breeze, and after seven minutes North Sydney were one up, the scorer being the ex-Cumberland wing half George Arnott, who followed up a partly cleared penalty kick.

Tony Laggan bagged the equaliser for Lidcombe late in the first half.

Best for Lidcombe on the day was their mid-field player, Teddy Hetherstone.

At the ELS Hall Sportsground, Ryde, on Saturday, Ryde District were held to 1-1 by Thistle, in a game which should have proved far more entertaining.

Ryde will have to return to form to test Lidcombe

(1); Aluer, Bishell, Mullins (1).

Belmore: Brian, McMullen, Hawthorne, Lotty, Aberrcombe, Pearce (1), Dwyer (1), Rae, Swinerton (1), Horne, Swan.

Arncliffe: Umpleby, Butler, Stuart, Podmore, Byrne, Grant, Speechly (2), Hodgkins, Player (1), Hodgson, Bardetta.

Warringah: Diebold, Boerham, Phillips, Bloomfield, Norman, Colman, Ambrosio, Bouman, Palogo (1), Jones (1), Gee.

Riverside Rapids: Samler, Anton, Dvrlach, Schillan, Weiss, Rossbach, Hermani, Vymetzel, Csonka (1), Doller, Piwonka.

Gympie: Hazelhurst, Niven, Perry, Beerman, (o.g.), Skates, Kelly, Dean (2), Sutherland, Van Duuren, Ney.

DIVISION III

Blacktown Spurs: S. Melinz, Abdullah, Castellar, J. Melinz, De Jonge, Van Heck, Platt, Jansen, V. Den Broek, Svarc, Awkers.

Condell Park: Tipping, Bertozzo, Rau, Jelic, S. Stojko, M. Kwiez, R. Kwiez,

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE VETERAN DUTCHMAN'S SURPRISE COME-BACK

— By BOB LOW —

The appointment of Mike De Bruyckere as coach of the Victorian State Squad in place of Jim Adam who recently resigned after a clash with selector Lou Debono has raised a few eyebrows in Melbourne soccer.

De Bruyckere has been more or less on the sidelines of late, at least as far as the "big time" goes.

He was replaced as chief coach by the relegated Wilhelmina late in 1966 by Jans Bens, another Dutchman and was given the post as assistant coach to the Ringwood club.

However, De Bruyckere is an experienced campaigner.

Before coming to Australia in the first instance in 1957 to join Wilhelmina he had been a regular for many seasons with top Dutch side, Willem II and represented Holland in full internationals on several occasions.

He returned to Europe for a season then came back to Wilhelmina and was a member of the team which won the Dockerty Cup in 1958 and the State League the following season.

Since then he has been around both as a player and coach and has had spells with Melbourne, Juventus and Lions before returning to his first love, Wilhelmina.

Rated by many as the best player ever to come to Victorian soccer, he was as a player a master tactician, had cunning, craft and imagination unsurpassed and was an artist in all skills of the game.

He was yet another who had frequent clashes with the man-in-the-middle and several times he finished on the receiving end, making a hurried exit from the field.

He also broke his leg a few years back but returned in quick time without any resultant effects.

De Bruyckere's selection has come as a shock to a few and a surprise to many even though he had held the position before.

A few are pondering if De Bruyckere was offered the post after others had declined.

Something not likely to be made known considering all the publicity the resignation of Adam brought.

It seems certain that De Bruyckere's post will most certainly just be that of coaching with absolutely no say whatsoever in the selection of the Victorian teams.

Goalie quits

Marko Fode, the Footscray JUST goalkeeper, who has been nominated as one of the Victorian Squad for Australia's international matches

against Scotland, is definitely out.

Even his original nomination was hard to understand as Fode is leaving Australia on his honeymoon to Europe at the end of April.

His departure will mean a headache for the Footscray side as they have no ready-made replacement available since they transferred former Hakoah (Sydney) goalie Hans Wenzl to SM-Hellas early this year.

With a distinct scarcity of good goalkeepers on the market, JUST could be in trouble.

Unless they find a worthwhile "buy" in the Metropolitan League or manage to bring a quick import.

Shepherd shelved?

So much has been written regarding the future of Slavia's Australian international fullback Nigel Shepherd and so much has been off the record that now is the time to come to the party with the truth.

In the first instance Slavia had no desire to part with this highly experienced defender but his move to Sydney in his job left the Port Melbourne club open to receive any reasonable offers.

So far no firm offer has been made although Croatia (Sydney) have made an enquiry.

Slavia even offered to allow Shepherd to go on a buy-hum-if-you-like-him basis so that

the player would not be left any longer on the sidelines.

It's really ironical that as one of the best club-men in Victorian soccer for the past four years and a stalwart in the Australian side for a slightly shorter period, little or no interest has been shown in him by the Sydney clubs.

It's hard to visualise that all the Sydney First Division sides are so well equipped for a defender of Shepherd's standing and reputation or are unable to afford a fee which in the past they have dished out for Melbourne players of much less calibre than Shepherd.

Slavia have, I know, at no time considered asking an astronomical figure for Shepherd.

SHARP RISE IN TRANSFERS HERALDS SEASON

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Big spending, coupled with exhaustive preparation programs and trial games, has set the stage for SA's league championship kick-off on Saturday.

Transfer fees shelled out during the past fortnight have reached record proportions.

In most cases clubs are loath to disclose the amount of cash paid, because they fear the inflationary trend will spiral to figures even higher than the present unrealistic sums.

Unfortunately, the most recent negotiations have made the rich clubs richer and the poor clubs poorer in playing strength.

Last year's league champions, West Adelaide Hellas, set the ball rolling by buying Tony Batchelor and John Irwin from Elizabeth City.

On Saturday, Ampol Cup holders, Juventus, made a prize capture by securing the transfer of Jim Mill from USC Lion.

The talented defender

captained SA against AS Roma last season.

The prospects of an uneven league series increased further last week-end, when Port Adelaide placed experienced forwards Brian McGreevey and Jim Cooper, on their transfer list and Elizabeth granted Bert Brown permission to play in Polonia's trial game.

The SA selectors, Alec Hastings, Adrian Deckers and Tom Forde, have submitted two further nominations for the Australian squad from which a team will be selected to play against Scotland next month.

They are USC Lion goalkeeper Wally Fedczyszyn and Polonia fullback, Richard Hamence.

SA players previously nominated are Steve Herczeg, Tommy McColl, John Perin and Peter West (Juventus), Peter Worthington, Nick Pantelis and Tony Batchelor (WA Hellas).

Five players who have never played for SA have been included in the 23-man State squad chosen to train for the game against Victoria on June 4 and for the Manchester United match on June 24.

The newcomers are Peter Miles and Geza Farkas (Burnside-Budapest), Giovanni Meneghetti (Juven-

tus), Clive Parton (USC Lion), and John Millar (Victoria).

Farkas, 17, a clever winger, is the baby of the squad.

Former SA Youth team captain, Roy Burdett and Henry Manka have been omitted from the SA squad which formed the team which defeated Victoria 2-1 last month.

Back into the squad come former SA players, Steve Herczeg, Tony Batchelor, Frank Balter, Ted De Lyster and Frank Lister.

The other squad members are: Wally Fedczyszyn, Roger Romanowicz, Elio Marusic, Richard Hamence, Eugene Nowak, Peter Worthington, Peter West, John Perin, Tommy McColl, Eddy Typek, Manuel Cruz, John Lovell, and Nick Pantelis.

Victoria SC fullback, Juergen Gerken, will not be able to train regularly this season because of business and study commitments.

Gerken, who has played more than 300 games during his eleven years with Victoria, will still make himself available for the reserve team.

"I have no intention of retiring completely and may fill in for the First Division side if ever they are troubled by injuries," said Gerken.

ADELAIDE PROGRAM SATURDAY, APRIL 15

- Juventus v. Elizabeth City (Olympic Sports Field; Referee: J. Spiers).
- Port Adelaide v. Seaciff-Austria (ICI Reserve; Referee: D. Grant).
- USC Lion v. Burnside-Budapest (Hindmarsh Stadium; Referee: W. Hosie).
- Polonia v. Croatia (Croydon Park; Referee: M. O'Malley).
- Victoria v. WA Hellas (Enfield Reserve; Referee: K. Candy).

Hellas, Croatia will face tough opponents

The highlight of this weekend's games goes to the clash between league leaders Hakoah and current title holders South Melbourne Hellas.

Hellas, usually slow starters in the league, cannot be underestimated.

They have the pace, ability and skill which are the ingredients of a top side.

But Hakoah, riding on the crest of the wave and so much stronger physically, can win.

Lions, heading for their usual lowly position, must improve on their walking pace and also bring some class into their side if they hope to improve their lot. They can hardly be optimistic over the outcome of their clash with Slavia.

Juventus may be sorely tried by the all-action style and the sizzling pace of Alexander before they turn their overall superiority into account.

Juventus, with more class and most certainly more steadiness should romp home with both points.

Croatia with a tremendous attack that misses few scoring chances must concentrate on keeping the ball in Melbourne's half if they are to continue their winning way.

This could be one of the best games of the round with fast, open soccer being the key-note.

George Cross are on dangerous ground against Makedonia but the Cross, no great shakes themselves, cannot afford to treat them lightly.

The Polonia v. JUST game promises to be one of the closest of the round.

Polonia have lost their last two games by a single goal against tough opposition in Slavia and Hakoah and are on the way back.

JUST, despite their defeat by Croatia, are a better than average side although defence-wise they could tighten up.

Hakoah's hard win

The only State League side with a hundred per cent record, Hakoah, had an outside job to down Polonia and only succeeded with a tremendous goal by Armstrong from 40 yards soon after half time.

Although goals were at a premium it was an all-action game with a large measure of skill and ability being shown by both sides throughout.

Croatia came back from the "dead" to score a clear-cut 3-0 win over their greatest rivals, JUST.

A great goal by Billy Vojtek gave them a narrow half time lead but two goals late in the game, one in the nature of a "gift" put the issue beyond doubt.

The other marksmen for Croatia were Jim McKay and Adlam.

Alexander chalked up their first points with a 3-1 win which flattered Lions.

The hot pace and great team spirit of Alexander had Lions floundering from the start and the Essendon side were the slowest and most cumbersome I have seen for many a long day.

Lions flew Galambos down from Sydney and included Swedish "star"

Aronnson. Neither impressed.

Melbourne with Abonyi still out under suspension and having lost Taylor to St. George-Budapest managed to overcome the point-less Makedonia 2-1 at the opening of their new ground at St. Kilda.

The new St. Kilda ground looked in immaculate condition — it was like playing on a bowling green.

At Olympic Park a 9,000 crowd were thrilled from start to finish as first Slavia and then Hellas tried to wrest the superiority of the game.

It finished up as a 1-1 draw which was, in fact, a relief to Slavia who can thank Czech international keeper Willem Schroif and his magnificent display in goal plus some inept finishing by the Hellas attack.

Reid put Slavia into the lead early in the first half but in the second period, following a corner, centre half Roussis went upfield to head home a great equaliser.

At Sunshine, George Cross lost by the odd goal in three to Juventus.

George Cross in the doldrums are still pointless and will need to do some more head-scratching to get a winning combination.

Horsfall got the sole Cross goal while Di Marchi and Cross scored for Juventus.

Last week's results:

Croatia v. JUST 3-0; Hakoah v. Polonia 1-0; Alexander v. Lions 3-1; George Cross v. Juventus 1-2; Melbourne v. Makedonia 2-1; Slavia v. SM Hellas 1-1.

VIC. TABLE

Hakoah	3	—	8	—	6
Juventus	2	1	—	5	1
SM Hellas	1	2	—	4	4
Melbourne	2	—	1	4	3
Croatia	2	—	1	7	5
JUST	2	—	1	6	6
Slavia	1	1	1	3	5
Polonia	1	—	2	2	2
Lions	1	—	2	4	6
Alexander	1	—	2	6	10
Makedonia	—	—	3	3	9
George X	—	—	3	1	6

Late news

Tom Stankovic, the JUST and Victorian left winger's transfer to George Cross has broken down despite the fact it was all but signed and sealed.

Although the transfer terms between the clubs had been agreed on the player is reported to have made excessive signing-on demands to George Cross.

It is believed that JUST have now suspended Stankovic indefinitely.

After Saturday's defeat against Alexander it wouldn't surprise me if Peter Aldis the former Aston Villa and Slavia defender who player-coaches Lions decides to drop himself from the first team and pull Steve Walker back from inside to centre half.

Walker was the regular centre half last season and was runner-up for the Argus Medal.

Peter Aldis is now the real veteran of Victorian soccer and nearing 40 it's obvious he must be at the stage when he will consider calling it a day, as far as playing is concerned.

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S.C.G.: "POTATO PATCH..." DEMAND GROWS FOR A STADIUM

— By PAUL DEAN —

As we predicted some weeks ago, the "Battle for the Cricket Ground" will be a memorable one.

It may, with luck, even shake the people of Sydney out of their deep, lethargic coma — and result in some action.

Already the SCG Trust has hurriedly announced "plans" for a \$20 million football stadium.

This, of course, may be only one of those "plans" that occasionally crop up in Sydney — and then are forgotten.

However, the chances are that finally — and certainly not too soon — things may begin to happen.

Soccer officials this week held serious discussions with various State political leaders — including some Trust members.

Let's hope the present barage against the Trust — and Sydney's sporting apathy — will not subside until positive action is guaranteed.

And the only action we are satisfied with: A STADIUM!

Bayutti explodes

Predictably, two days after his return from a trip to Italy and Switzerland, Jim Bayutti quickly warmed to the task and joined the "Cricket Ground Battle".

The day after the Trust rejected a final appeal by the ASF for the use of the ground on May 28 against Scotland and after the NSW Rugby League declined to shift their miserable "match of the day" to make room for soccer, Bayutti exploded.

In a justified rage he "commented" in the DAILY MIRROR, from which — because of their classic nature — we reprint excerpts:

"FIFA, the world soccer body, and by world I mean WORLD, not a couple of States in Australia and two counties in England and a minor province in France — could pour millions of dollars into Australia to enable us to build a super stadium.

"We are going to have these people crawling and creeping and whining and asking for favors.

"And then we will have long memories.

"We have always supported the League and we expected support from it so that we could stage this match against Scotland in the best place.

"This sacred cow of League has got to be killed.

"We are the game which matters and the sooner the League knows the better.

"In a few years time when the League comes crawling to us for fixtures on our grounds

we'll trample all over them.

"In this country it seems there are goodies, baddies and very baddies.

"And we in soccer are the very baddies.

"When we ask ourselves what have we done we can only conclude we are getting too popular.

"Rugby League is scared of us.

"Yet according to the League people we are a nonentity.

"Just wait until we are on top, as we will be in a few years time — and we will remember.

"After all what can League offer to a player? The chance of a trip to the bleak north of England staying in cold, ancient old pubs.

"Soccer can offer trips all over the world in tip-top hotels — for the lads who are good enough in all grades.

"The League must be also pondering on the hard, cold fact that more boys in Australia today are playing soccer than all the other codes combined.

"And when the Cricket ground is ploughed up for a potato patch I won't be crying.

"Don't forget we started playing on Sundays.

"League followed.

"We started night football... and football is SOCCER everywhere in the world outside NSW and Queensland.

"League followed.

"We started a pre-season competition.

"League followed."

The next day the conservative, usually calm and certainly not ardently pro-soccer DAILY TELEGRAPH considered the issue vital enough to devote two full columns — its entire editorial section — to the subject.

Under the heading: "City needs a first-class sports-ground", the DAILY TELEGRAPH said, among others:

"The announcement of a \$20-million plan to turn the Sydney Sports Ground into a modern football stadium is good news. It will be even better news when the work is actually started.

"For Sydney — the largest city in an eminently sports-minded nation — has been incredibly backward in providing first-class sporting accommodation.

"In Sydney people have been talking for years about building an up-to-date sports

ground but so far none of the schemes have come to anything.

"A plan to renovate the Sports Ground, similar to the present one, was put forward 20 years ago, without result.

"In the meantime, what does Sydney have?"

"It has an antiquated Sydney Cricket Ground with inadequate seating accommodation in stands that are mainly of 19th-century vintage (even the most modern was built more than 30 years ago).

"Next door to it is the Sports Ground, which has a good oval, but also has insufficient accommodation; and next to that the Show-ground, which is unsuitable for most sporting events because the spectators are too far from the action.

"To make matters worse the Cricket Ground and Sports Ground are administered by a Trust which has allowed the grounds to be dominated by the administrators of one football code and its members' stands to be infiltrated by far too many undesirables.

"As an illustration of the thinking of the SCG Trust, there is no need to look farther than the decision this week to ban the use of the SCG for next month's Australia v. Scotland soccer match.

"This will assuredly be one of the biggest Australian sporting events of the year; and since it is to take place on a Sunday it would not interfere with other schedules.

"The Trust's plans to build a football stadium to seat 100,000 spectators would be a big step in the right direction, and should be treated as a matter of urgency.

"It should not be allowed to disappear into a pigeon-hole, like so many bright plans before it."

It is certain that this time the issue will not be dropped.

And it's equally certain that soccer, finally provoked to an explosion well beyond the customary diplomatic niceties, will help to keep the issue alive.

If no one else than fire-eating Jim Bayutti will ensure this.

Even if at the end he must become a Trappist monk...

PLAYERS CONTEST

NUTTALL OPENS UP BIG LEAD

APIA's brilliant fullback, George Nuttall, has raced to a big overall lead in the SOCCER WORLD-LA FIAMMA Players Contest.

Nuttall, a "certainty" for the NSW and Australian teams against Manchester United and Scotland, has totalled 169 votes at this stage — nearly twice as many as his nearest challenger, St. George-Budapest skipper John Warren.

In Victoria, Juventus' Della Rocca has a substantial lead over team-mates Barbazza and Voigt.

Former Chelsea junior Tom McColl heads the South Australian section, which is an all-Juventus affair at this stage while Hellenic's Jackson is the early leader in Queensland.

This is how the players now stand:

NSW
Nuttall (APIA) 169,
Warren (St. George-Budapest) 86, J. Alagich

(Yugal) 47, Giacometti (APIA) 33, G. Manuel (Prague) 32, Watkiss (APIA) 25, Baartz (Hakoah) 23, Marnoch (Hakoah) 11, Reynolds (Croatia) 11.

Victoria

Della Rocca (Juventus) 34, Barbazza (Juventus) 16, Voigt (Juventus) 16, Surma (Melbourne-HSC) 8, Gentry (Juventus) 3, Becsi (Croatia) 3.

South Australia

McColl (Juventus) 12, Da Cruz (Juventus) 5, Meneghetti (Juventus) 5, Perin (Juventus) 5.

Queensland

Jackson (Hellenic) 3, Cavalaro (Azzurri) 1.

Western Australia

Ramm (Tricolore) 3.

Tasmania

Morosini (Juventus) 5.

Sydney Second, Third Grades

SECOND GRADE

Pan Hellenic: Maglis; Walker, Stevenson; Petrou (1), Mallard, Henson; Bardetta, Vrolyks, Pullinger (2), Demos, Frame.

Hakoah: Wilson; B. Berne, Migliaccio; Woods, Thomson, Biciw; Lakmaker, McKnight (1), Jones, Coutts, Taylor.

Referee: R. Oakman.

Canterbury: B. Taylor; Andrews, Champion; Groll (1), Page, Katsenos; G. Taylor, Nobbs, Rotsitas, Thompson, Koudounis.

Yugal: Viskovich; Venetoulis, G. Clancy; Grbawski, Halpin, P. Clancy; J. Kosanic, Marinkovic, Glenday (1), Fray, Volar.

Referee: G. Naylor.

Melita Eagles: Tanti; Wynn, Cossetini; Dayney, Calleja, Sontag; J. Montague (1), Williams, Clarke, H. Montague (1), L. Azopardi.

Polonia-NS: Seymour; Oliver, Cebula; Ingrass, Fryer, Eyre; Woodward, Adamson (2), Bell (1), Hanley (1), Tarver.

Referee: F. Johns.

St. George-Budapest: Haffey; Wills, Murphy; Isaac, Sandell, Bird (1); Burton (2), Todd (2), Price, Piggott (2), Telfer (1).

APIA: Del Duca; Ardouin, Williams; Callaghan, J. Sambrook, Parkin; King, McKinnon, Rivero, Juresic, Gauld.

Referee: N. Campbell.

South Coast Utd: McQuire; Malassin (t.o.g.), Bott; Sutherland, McInally, Hutchison; Weekes, Henry, Twedde (1), Newman (1), Tolhurst.

Cumberland: Fisher; Haggart, Watt; Kiers, Richard, Appleton (1); Mayes, Edwards (1), Crocker (3), Grant, Fairley.

Referee: D. Fraser.

Prague: Cook (Scarveli), Attwood, Salzman, Parkhouse, Loveday, Haig, Armytage (1), D. Tracey (1), R. Manuel, Minor, Cooper.

Croatia: Fraser, Kirgin, Bonazza, Stuart, Bonham, Tomicic, Brennan, Swoboda, Sincek, Massi, Woods.

Referee: T. Reid.

THIRD GRADE

Pan Hellenic: Parsons; Dredge, Petratos; Zumbo, Sparsis; Canadid; Kapornas, Byles, Gill, Howard (2), Waddington (1).

Hakoah: Stein; Glen Melrose; Gary Melrose; Round, Kovacic, Prokurat; V. Berne, Szegedi; Reichard, Perry, Goldberg.

Referee: L. Kern.

Canterbury: Lindsay; Elbridge, Bratuschi; Tarlington (1), Domenici, Allen; Salerno, Gordon, Arrighi (1), Ross (1), Lazaric (1).

Yugal: Urge; Cijanac, Kipich; Kraft, Mayers, Perz; Henstock, Separovic, Kydd, Tomic (1), Ripley.

Referee: T. Davies.

Melita Eagles: Spiteri; Williams, Tanti; Monado, Miranda, Campbell; Harris (1), Mannarilo, Pantechis, Leckemby, Murthen.

Polonia-NS: Rule; Henretty, Tansley; Melish, Tomaszewski, McFadyen; Hutch, Rudgley, McAlister (2), Chodkiewicz, Parkin (1).

Referee: R. Eastwood.

St. George-Budapest: Ball; Adams, Liddy; Stead, Cox, Harding (2); Tso-lakis, Cox (2), Rodgers (1), Olive, Liddy (2).

APIA: Dickinson; Phillips, T. Ardouin, Slater (1), Graham, Russell; Pedulla, Hughes, Gray (1), D. Sambrook (1), McKenzie.

Referee: F. O'Connor.

South Coast Utd: Radburn; Newson, McMillan; Shepperd, Valk, Duff; McLeod, Bott, Papandreou, Conlin (1), Griffith (1).

Cumberland: Collins; Paul, Qested, J. Watt, C. Edwards, Desanti; Smith (1), Vincent, Dort (2), Embury, Brennan.

Referee: P. Nicholas.

Prague: McKechnie, Patterson, McLoughlin, Rootsey, Hills, Siddons, Castro, Zdrilic, Willcox, Brown, Dickinson (1).

Croatia: Easter, Low, Carr, McInnes, Clarke, J. Cush, Taylor, Barboutis, J. Yaager, Brian, Frakes (2).

Referee: J. Pearce.

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FIGURE NO. 30

In 1587 the British announced to the Spanish that they were preparing to attack a number of Spanish and Portuguese ports. They would start with Cadiz. The Spaniards paid no attention. So it was that 30 heavily armed English ships, led by Sir Francis Drake, anchored off Cadiz and opened fire. The Spaniards were panic-stricken. One Spanish warship was sunk; several galleys escaped; a convoy bound for Lisbon was abandoned. The English seized everything on board the ships, set fire to 18 large ships, and took 6 others with them, ravaging, pillaging and burning several places along the coast as they left.



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